

Minutes of the Village of Arden Registration Committee meeting

November 8, 2022, Buzz Ware Village Center

The meeting was called to order by chairperson Cecilia Vore at 6:45pm. In attendance were members of the Registration Committee: Elizabeth Varley, Steve Tanzer, Marcia Scheflen, and Rebecca Meick, plus ex-officio members Carl Falco (senior trustee) and Liz Resko (town secretary). Other community members attending and assisting with the count were: Barbara Henry, Carol Larson, Bill Theis, Barbara Macklem, Jeff Politis, Ellie Hansen, and Bob Erenburg.

The purpose of this meeting was to count the ballots from the Arden Assessors Election and the Budget Referendum.

Cecilia and Elizabeth explained the issues that came up with this year's ballot returns:

- One envelope was received with no signature, so it was invalid.
- One envelope was received with 2 names & signatures on it. The envelope was opened, and 2 sets of ballots were enclosed. These ballots are acceptable.
- Two envelopes were received from a single voter with an explanation that one envelope contained their Assessors election ballot and the other envelope contained their Budget Referendum ballot. These two envelopes were stapled together since they came from a single voter, and counted as one return.

The next item for discussion was the "college adjustment" – removing students from the voter list (for this election only) if they haven't voted and are living away from Arden. These names were removed from the eligible voter list, and tabulated with other additions and deletions that were discovered after ballots were mailed. The total adjustment was -16.

After 7:00pm, Elizabeth checked the mailbox and brought in the last envelopes since the deadline for voting had passed.

Out of 359 total eligible voters, we received 241 ballots, which is a 67% return rate. This was over the 51% needed to pass any item on the budget.

At this point, all the envelopes were distributed, opened and separated from the ballots, and removed from the table. Then the Assessors and Budget ballots were separated.

Barbara Henry and Carl Falco took the budget ballots to count. The budget count was finalized and passed at 8:40pm.

Using the Hare System for the Assessors election, ballots were distributed in piles according to the candidate's name with a #1 vote. The ballots were totaled for each candidate with a #1 next to their name. Elizabeth and Cecilia determined that 30 votes was the quota needed in order to be elected.

Two candidates received more than 30 votes, so they were elected with 30 votes each and their remaining votes were transferred to the #2 name on those ballots. The lowest two candidates were declared defeated, and their votes were transferred to the next names as well. The transfer process continued until 7 candidates had been elected.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm. Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Meick